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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC
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SUBJ: KEEPING AMCHAMS UP TO DATE

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1. WE BELIEVE THAT GAP IN AMCHAMS' KNOWLEDGE OF US
POLICIES MENTIONED PARA THREE REFTEL IS IN FACT MORE
APPARENT THAN REAL. THIS EMBASSY AND, WE ARE SURE,
OTHERS IN EA PROVIDE REGULAR OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIS-
CUSSION OF POLICY ISSUES WITH US BUSINESS COMMUNITY.
AMBASSADOR HOLDS BRIEFING ABOUT EVERY SIX WEEKS AT
HIS RESIDENCE TO WHICH ALL AMERICAN BUSINESS COUNCIL
MEMBERS ARE INVITED AND AT WHICH HE NORMALLY LEADS OFF
WITH DISCUSSION OF US POLICY IN SE ASIA AND THEN
ANSWERS ANY AND ALL QUESTIONS. HE ALSO FREQUENTLY
BRIEFS ABC MEMBERS AND THEIR VISITORS INDIVIDUALLY.
ECON COUNSELOR IS ABC GOVERNOR AND TRIES TO KEEP
BOARD INFORMED OF USG ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS AFFECTING
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THEIR INTERESTS, BROADLY DEFINED. ECONOMIC OFFICER
IS ON ABC ASEAN SUBCOMMITTEE AND PROVIDES THAT GROUP
WITH WHATEVER UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION AND MATERIALS
ON ASEAN DEVELOPMENTS WE HAVE AVAILABLE. WE MIGHT
ALSO MENTION BRIEFINGS FOR APCAC AT US-ASEAN TALKS
IN MANILA AND AT COM CONFERENCE IN HONG KONG. IN
SHORT, WE BELIEVE THAT WE PROVIDE AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES
FOR ABC MEMBERS TO DISCUSS WITH US US POLICY TOWARD
SE ASIA. WE WILL, HOWEVER, MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT IN
COMING MONTHS TO KEEP ABC INFORMED ON POLICY QUESTIONS,

AND WILL DRAW ON EA/EP STATUS REPORTS AS SUGGESTED
REFTEL.

2. ON BALANCE, WE WOULD ARGUE AGAIN T PROVIDING
WRITTEN POLICY STATEMENTS TO BUSINESS GROUPS OR TO
PUBLISH THEM IN COMMERCIAL NEWSLETTER. SUCH
STATEMENTS COULD EASILY END UP IN NEWSPAPERS AND
WOULD HAVE TO BE DRAFTED WITH THAT POSSIBILITY IN
MIND. WE DOUBT THAT PAPERS SO DRAFTED WOULD MEET
APCAC DESIRES FOR "INSIDE" INFORMATION ON US POLICY.
IN ANY EVENT, ICA ROUTINELY PUBLISHES IMPORTANT POLICY
STATEMENTS BY TOP USG OFFICIALS AND MAKES THEM
AVAILABLE TO ABC.
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7. KAMPUCHEA: WITH REGARD TO KAMPUCHEA, HOLBROOKE
SAID THAT WE, THE CHINESE AND ASEAN AGREE THAT
VIETNAMESE TROOPS HAD TO LEAVE KAMPUCHEA BUT, AS
SECDEF BROWN TOLD THE CHINESE, WE CANNOT AND WILL NOT
SUPPORT THE DK. WE CONSIDER THEIR LEADERSHIP "UNACCEPT-
ABLE." HOLBROOKE AGREED WITH RAJA THAT THE U.S. SHOULD
LET ASEAN TAKE THE LEAD IN DEVELOPING NEXT STEPS IN
KAMPUCHEA AND THE U.S. WAS PREPARED TO DISCUSS IN GREATER
DETAIL POSSIBLE FUTURE STEPS AT THE FOREIGN MINISTER

LEVEL. WHILE THESE CONSULTATIONS ARE NEEDED AS WE LOOK
AHEAD TO THE NEXT UNGA, HOLBROOKE SAID THERE WAS A MORE
URGENT NEED TO CONSULT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (SEE PARA 11
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BELOW).

8. RAJA MENTIONED THE IENG SARY VISIT TO SINGAPORE AND
THE WILLINGNESS OF THE DK TO MAKE MAJOR CHANGES IN
PHILOSOPHY AND POLICY. HOLBROOKE REPEATED THAT THE DK
REMAINS UNACCEPTABLE. RAJA NOTED THE ABSENCE OF ANY
OTHER ACTIVE FIGHTING FORCE CAPABLE OF PREVENTING A TOTAL
VIETNAMESE TAKEOVER, A POINT WHICH HOLBROOKE ACKNOWLEDGED.
HE ASKED THAT THE U.S. NOT BECOME SO OBSESSED WITH POL
POT THAT IT PERMIT ITSELF, BY DEFAULT, TO APPEAR TO BE
FINDING HENG SAMRIN ACCEPTABLE. HOLBROOKE SAID WE
WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE HENG SAMRIN AND, IN FACT, HAD
WORKED HARD TO PREVENT MRS. GHANDI FROM RECOGNIZING
HIM.

9. HOLBROOKE OUTLINED FOUR FACOTRS IN OUR KAMPUCHEAN
POLICY: (1) IF THERE IS FRICTION GROWING BETWEEN THE
SRV AND THE RUSSIANS, WE SHOULD TRY TO EXPLOIT IT; (2) WE
MUST CONTINUE TO APPLY MAXIMUM PRESSURE ON THE VIETNAMESE,
INCLUDING IN THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS AREA; (3) FEEDING THE
KAMPUCHEAN REFUGEES IN THAILAND AND THOSE WITHIN KAMPUCHEA
IS OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE; (4) THE USG CANNOT SUPPORT
THE DK, NOR HENG SAMRIN WHO IS A VIETNAMESE PUPPET. WE
WON'T SUPPORT EITHER ONE. HE SAID THAT WE WOULD WORK,
ALONG WITH FILIPINO AND AUSTRALIAN REPS, ON THE UN
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO VOTE FOR CONDEMNING BOTH THE
DK AND HENG SAMRIN IN THE FORTHCOMING GENEVA MEETINGS.

10. RAJA URGED THAT WE PUT THE PRESSURE ON THE VIETNAMESE
AND KEEP THEM BOGGED DOWN IN KAMPUCHEA BY TRAINING
YOUNG KHMERS WHO WERE NOW IN THAI REFUGEE CAMPS. MAKE
MILITARY AND POLITICAL TRAINING AVAILABLE TO THEM, HE SAID,
AND SEND THEM BACK TO KAMPUCHEA SO THAT WE CAN DISPROVE
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THE VIETNAMESE CLAIM OF IRREVERSIBLE VICTORY.

11. MINISTERIAL MEETINGS: HOLBROOKE NOTED THAT THE
U.S. WOULD BE HAVING SEPARATE HIGH-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS
IN THE COMING WEEKS WITH THE PRC, JAPAN AND THE ANZUS
NATIONS AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL. THESE MEETINGS WILL
BE IN WASHINGTON AND WOULD DEMONSTRATE THE DYNAMISM OF THE
U.S. RELATIONSHIP TO ITS FRIENDS IN THE EAST ASIAN AND

PACIFIC AREA. HE ASKED IF A SIMILAR MEETING MIGHT BE ARRANGED WITH ASEAN, PERHAPS WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASEAN STANDING COMMITTEE FOREIGN MINISTER RITHAUDDEEN. RAJA THOUGHT THAT THE IDEA OF A U.S.-ASEAN MEETING AT THIS TIME WAS EXCELLENT BUT THAT SUCH A SESSION HELD IN THE REGION WOULD BE PREFERABLE. HE NOTED THAT THE EEC AND ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD BE MEETING IN KL AT THE END OF THE FIRST WEEK OF MARCH, AND THAT PART OF THESE MEETINGS WOULD DEAL WITH POLITICAL AFFAIRS. THEREFORE, THE IDEA OF A SIMILAR MEETING WITH THE U.S. WOULD MAKE GOOD SENSE. HE OFFERED TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE WITH THE OTHER ASEAN STATES, IF WE SO DESIRED. HOLBROOKE CALLED ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEM OF SCHEDULING A MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETING OUTSIDE THE REGION AT THIS BUSY JUNCTURE AND ASKED HIM TO PROMOTE AN INVITATION. THERE WAS AGREEMENT TO REMAIN IN CONSULTATION ON THIS.

12. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN CLEARED BY ASSISTANT

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